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### **Convicted Killer Pleads Guilty to Murdering Woman in East Los Angeles**

A man who spent nearly 30 years in state prison for killing his stepmother entered a guilty plea today for murdering a retired doctor last December, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Timothy Chavira, 57, entered the plea in case BA483403 to one count of murder along with a special circumstance allegation that he was previously convicted of first-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Barnes of the Major Crimes Division said Chavira was immediately sentenced to life in state prison without the possibility of parole as a result of the plea.

Victim impact statements are scheduled for July 20 in Department 116 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Dec. 7, 2019, Chavira killed Editha Cruz de Leon, 76, with a sharp object at her home in the 3900 block of North Van Horne Avenue. Chavira was arrested two weeks later in Pasadena.

Chavira was previously found guilty by a jury of first-degree murder for beating and stabbing to death his stepmother in 1986. He was sentenced to 26 years to life in state prison and was released on parole in July 2017.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

#### **About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.